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## MSS Organizations in South Hamgyong Province

1. In October 1952 the South Hamgyong Province department of the Ministry of Social Security was in 14 buildings in a valley at CV-755223, near Hamhung. The department employed 30 people and had the following officials and sections: Chief, Captain YI Song-t'aek,<sup>2</sup> aged 45, a native of Hamju-gun (127-29, 39-48) (CV-7006); deputy chief for administration; deputy chief for political affairs; first section, in charge of counter-intelligence; second section, in charge of investigating reactionaries; third section, in charge of criminal investigation; fourth section, in charge of personnel; fifth section, in charge of department security; administrative section; finance section; confidential section; guard section, headed by KANG Myong-su, aged 29; detective section; blacklist section; surveillance section; communications section; party cell; and Democratic Youth Corps cell. In October 1952 the principal mission of the department was to carry out counter-intelligence duties in South Hamgyong Province.
2. In October 1952 the Yonghung-gun (127-11, 39-30) (CU-4473) detachment of the Ministry of Social Security was in a cave with two entrances at the foot of a mountain at CU-495778. The detachment employed 30 people and had the following officials and sections: Chief, Major KO Chi-song, aged 34, a native of Wonsan; deputy chief for administration, Captain YI T'ae-sun, aged 38; deputy chief for political affairs; preliminary examiner; the 1 squad, consisting of

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five men, headed by Senior Lieutenant WŎN Myŏng-su, aged 37; the 2 squad, consisting of 14 men, headed by Senior Lieutenant KIM Sang-po, aged 27; finance office of three members; accounting office of three members; censor's office of three members; party cell; and Democratic Youth Alliance cell. The mission of the detachment in October 1952 was to tighten the guard of the coast around Koryŏng-myŏn (127-29, 39-32) (CU-7077).

#### Hwanghae Province Operations of the MSS

3. In October the Ŭllyul-gun (125-16, 38-41) (XC-9784) bureau of the Ministry of Social Security was training 28 agents to be sent to South Korea in November. Six of these agents were to go to North and South Kyongsang Provinces to aid in the reconstruction of the South Korean Labor Party. Two agents were to go to Pusan and penetrate the ROK government, and four agents were to penetrate the ROK Ministry of Transportation. Ten agents were to organize underground activities and six couriers were to be sent to South Korea.

#### MSS Staff Training School

4. In October 1952 the North Korean Ministry of Social Security maintained a training school for staff members of the ministry at XE-311523, near Ŭiju. The school was headed by Major General YI Kwan-sop, aged 38, and had 30 instructors. There were about 1,300 trainees at the school. The school was founded in October 1950. Its fourth term opened in June 1952 and was scheduled to end in November. Subjects taught at the school included history of the Communist Party, law, science, military science, statistics, and intelligence.

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